UNLOCK THE TREASURES OF SHARE WALK-A-THON ’92

This year, the 7th Annual SHARE Walk-A-Thon promises its own special brand of mystery and excitement along with the usual fund-raising fare. In addition to the traditional 10-kilometer walk and accompanying festivities slated for October 25, walkers may just find some unexpected treasures waiting for them at the end of their journey as well.

Every walker who turns in $50 or more on the day of the Walk-A-Thon will receive a key to the SHARE Treasure Chest filled with valuable prizes. Many of these keys will unlock the chest and entitle the walker to select the prize of his or her choice.

Plenty of other free goodies will abound at the event too, including complimentary refreshments courtesy of Claflin Home Health Center, and free SHARE T-shirts, coffee mugs and baseball caps.

“This year’s Walk-A-Thon will have more fun, more prizes than ever before,” says SHARE president Les Cory. “We’d like to make it extra special as our way of thanking the many people who support our fund-raiser each year.”

As in previous years, the Walk-A-Thon will kick off at 9 am, rain or shine, but walkers may begin the route anytime between 9 am and 1 pm. The route will begin at the UMass Dartmouth Athletic Center, wind through the Dartmouth countryside and wrap up at the campus starting point, where walkers can relax and grab a bite to eat.

But SHARE needs your generous help to make its biggest fundraiser of the year the best ever. SHARE is organizing its participants through a tiered recruiting scheme set up in divisions. Each division is headed by a leader who recruits three captains; each captain then recruits three walkers. SHARE is looking for volunteers who have never before been involved in the Walk-A-Thon to form 20 new divisions for this year’s event.

SHARE also welcomes help in filling

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GINGER LEE LEADS THE WAY AT SHARE WALK-A-THON

Ask fourteen-year-old Ginger Lee about the challenges of being a teenager and she can probably give you a fairly long list.

After spending the summer recuperating from spinal fusion surgery, she’s entering high school this fall. Because she has cerebral palsy, she does most of her school work by typing on a personal computer using a mouth stick. Typing with a mouth stick is a tedious and laborious process, but it does allow Ginger to complete her assignments. In fact,

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NEW SYSTEMS GIVE CLIENTS NEW OPTIONS

The UMass Rehabilitation Engineering Center has developed two new technical systems to benefit SHARE clients.

**The Audible Scanner**
The Audible Scanner serves as a communicative aid for individuals who are blind, physically impaired and unable to speak. The device whispers a list of categories to the user, such as "people," "places," "needs," and "wants." When the user hears the category he wishes to talk about, he presses the switch.

The device next whispers individual sentences related to the category. When it whispers the sentence the user wants to communicate, he presses the switch and the device speaks the sentence out loud.

**The Keyboard Emulator**
The Keyboard Emulator links two computers together so that single-switch users can use a scanning program from one computer to access commercial software programs being run on another computer. The first computer containing the scanning program plugs into the second computer in place of its standard keyboard. The program lets the first computer serve as the keyboard for the regular software programs to be run on the second computer.

With the keyboard emulator, single-switch users have complete access to a regular computer and the standard software programs used in business. SHARE hopes the device will enable clients to pursue more challenging employment opportunities.

Anyone interested in either device may call SHARE for more information at (508) 999-8482.

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**Update from the UMASS REHABILITATION ENGINEERING CENTER LAB**

Over the past nine months, SHARE has completed 177 service transactions for clients at home and across the country. Our UMass Dartmouth Rehabilitation Engineering Center volunteers recently completed the following projects:

- Built a typing tutor for a blind client; the device speaks each letter as it is typed, helping a person memorize the location of individual keys on the keyboard.
- Loaned a portable speech system to a client with Lou Gehrig's disease to take along on her vacation to the West Coast.
- Provided a scanning communication device to a recent UMass Dartmouth graduate, who uses the equipment in his new job.
- Center is now developing a more sophisticated version of the equipment for him.

**WHEELCHAIR GETS “SWIFT” DELIVERY TO VINEYARD**

Many months ago, the Rehabilitation Engineering Center received an unusual donation—brand-new wheelchair parts. Earlier this summer, lab volunteers assembled the parts into a new wheelchair for Chilmark Chocolates, a Martha's Vineyard company which provides employment and training opportunities for people with disabilities.

Beyond piecing the chair together, SHARE faced another interesting challenge—how to get the wheelchair out to the island. SHARE called upon the resources of frequent Vineyard visitor (and SHARE client) Patti Swift, who volunteered to serve as goodwill ambassador and see the chair safely to its destination.

In June, Patti picked up the chair and took the Schamonchi ferry from New Bedford to Martha's Vineyard, where she presented the special delivery to the people at Chilmark Chocolates.

An open P.S. to Patti—with a last name like yours and this kind of service, you could really give the overnight delivery companies a run for their money! Thanks for a job well done!

**Your Memorial Gifts**

Many of our friends choose to help support SHARE's efforts as a way of remembering their family and friends. SHARE often receives donations as memorial gifts in the name of a loved one, or in lieu of gifts for special occasions, such as birthdays and anniversaries.

SHARE truly appreciates these special donations, and we are planning to list all memorial and honorary gifts received in a future newsletter issue. If you would prefer that your gift remain anonymous, please contact the SHARE office with that request.
SHARE CO-FOUNDER LES CORY RETIRES FROM MILITARY CAREER IN THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

In a moving ceremony held at Coventry Air National Guard Station on July 12, SHARE co-founder Les Cory was officially retired from the Air National Guard.

Colonel Cory, who served his state and nation for more than 35 years, was, at one time, the youngest commander of any in the nation. Later in his career, he was selected to command the 281st Combat Communications Group in Coventry, Rhode Island, a position he held until his transfer to Air National Guard Headquarters in 1989.

During his command, the 281st and its subordinate units earned five separate U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit awards—a feat unparalleled, then or since.

At his retirement ceremony, Colonel Cory was pinned with both the Legion of Merit in honor of his outstanding service to the nation and the Rhode Island Star in honor of his service to the state.

He and his wife Patricia were feted at a retirement dinner held last month at the Venus De Milo restaurant in Swansea, Mass. The celebration was attended by about 200 of their family and friends. □

THE WOODS HOLE CONNECTION

The Cape Cod village of Woods Hole in Falmouth is home to a bevy of scientific institutions. The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), the Marine Biology Laboratory (MBL), the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration-National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA-NMFS), and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) are the four most preeminent.

Woods Hole is approximately 40 miles from SHARE's lab at UMass Dartmouth. SHARE has been able to benefit from this proximity and the interest many engineers, scientists, administrators, students and technicians from Woods Hole have had in SHARE's work.

Linda Texeira, SHARE client and public relations volunteer, and volunteer engineer Robin Singer have given talks at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Micro Computer Users Group and at a Falmouth Human Services Seminar. Articles about SHARE have appeared in local Falmouth papers and Woods Hole newsletters. In response to notices in the weekly Woods Hole Calendar of Events, SHARE has received many donated computers and financial donations, and volunteer scientists and engineers have written programs for SHARE clients and have done mechanical engineering projects.

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution donated ten IBM compatible personal computers in March and delivered them to SHARE's door. We hope to see many Woods Hole faces at the Walk-A-Thon as in previous years. And if you visit Woods Hole, don't be surprised to see a T-shirt or hat with the familiar "high tech with a heart" slogan. □

-Gordon Singer

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**SHARE'S FIRST CLIENT ENJOYS AERIAL ADVENTURE**

SHARE client Linda Texeira soared to new heights this summer when she took to the skies with her dad for a hot air balloon ride!

Arranged by David Gifford of Balloon Adventures of New Bedford, the trip was a belated gift from SHARE following the completion of Linda's high school studies.

Linda has just finished her second semester at Bristol Community College in Fall River, Mass. Best wishes to her as she continues her studies there this fall.

Just before takeoff, Les Cory bids Linda and her dad a fun trip.

**HELP SHARE'S WISH LIST**

Your old computer may have a new life in the home of a disabled person.

SHARE is seeking an Apple 2E computer for a boy with muscular dystrophy who can no longer hold a pencil to write. We also are looking for an IBM PC compatible to be made into a talking word processor for a woman who is newly blind.

Please contact SHARE headquarters to donate your used equipment.

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its treasure chest with giveaway booty. Businesses or individuals wishing to donate items are invited to contact SHARE headquarters.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Walk-A-Thon may pick up or request a walker's kit from SHARE. If you are unable to participate in the Walk-A-Thon yourself, consider sponsoring a disabled walker instead! For more information about sponsoring someone or about donating goods to this year's Treasure Chest, call SHARE at (508) 999-8482.

**Concerts Benefit SHARE**

An April concert for SHARE brought the electric sounds of rock to listeners at UMass Dartmouth. Sponsored by the Student Activities Board, the event was coordinated by Paul Remy, a long-time friend of SHARE. Later in the spring, the youth group at St. Julie's Church in Dartmouth sponsored a concert of their own and donated half of its proceeds to SHARE.

Together, the concerts raised over $5,000 to help fund SHARE’s work. Many thanks to everyone involved for all their support.